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ARIZONA SCHOOL'S CHIEF TOM HORNE TO PRESENT \$25,000 SURPRISE AWARD TO AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER AT KAYENTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

(KAYENTA) -- One unsuspecting educator at the Kayenta Middle School on the Navajo Reservation will be honored for their exceptional work with a \$25,000 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award by Superintendent Tom Horne. The presentation will take place Friday, January 9, at 9:30 a.m. at a school assembly.

The recipient in Kayenta is one of 100 educators that have been honored across the country for their outstanding service to our nation's schools.

The Milken National Educator Awards were created in 1985 to reward, retain and attract the highest caliber professionals to our nation's schools.

The recipient can use the \$25,000 award any way they choose.

**WHAT: SUPERINTENDENT TOM HORNE TO SURPRISE
KAYENTA TEACHER WITH A \$25,000 MILKEN
AWARD**

**WHERE: KAYENTA MIDDLE SCHOOL
NORTH HIGHWAY 163
NAVAJO RESERVATION
KAYENTA, ARIZONA 86033**

WHEN: 9:30 A.M. DURING A SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

**WHO: UNSUSPECTING TEACHER AT KAYENTA
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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